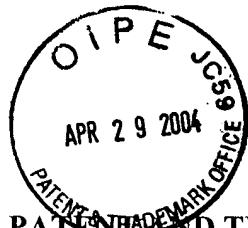


Attorney Docket No. 056982/00037  
Customer No. 31013



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Marc BODET et al. Group Art Unit: 2832

Serial No.: 10/733,124 Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

Filed: December 11, 2003

For: **PRESSURE-TIGHT CONTACT DEVICE**

April 29, 2004

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Further to the Information Disclosure Statement filed on December 11, 2003 in the above-referenced patent application, Applicants respectfully submit this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement pursuant to 37 CFR §§1.97 and 1.98 in order to comply with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56.

The enclosed Form PTO/SB/08A lists six (6) additional references of which Applicants have become aware. Of the six (6) cited references, two (2) are not in the English language. In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.98(a)(3)(i) and (ii), copies of the English language translations of the Abstracts for these references are enclosed. A copy of each of the listed references is also enclosed.

CERTIFICATE OF EXPRESS MAIL UNDER 37 CFR 1.10	
"Express Mail" mailing label number: EV216109947US Date of Deposit: April 29, 2004	
I hereby certify that this paper or fee is being deposited with United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR § 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.	
Name	<u>Dawn Samaan</u>
Signature	<u>Dawn Samaan</u>

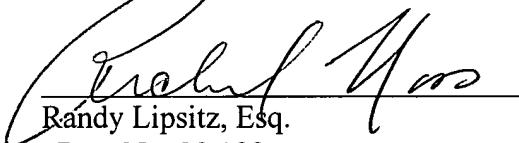
The listed references were recently cited in a Search Report mailed by the European Patent Office in a corresponding European application on April 2, 2004. A copy of the European Search Report is also enclosed.

Applicants respectfully request that the listed references be made of record in this application. Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

The citation or characterization of any reference in this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that such reference is necessarily relevant or is prior art.

The above papers are being submitted before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits, and each reference cited in this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application less than three months prior to the filing of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (37 CFR § 1.97(e)(1)). Accordingly, no fee is believed due. Please charge any fee deficiency to Deposit Account No. 50-0540.

Respectfully submitted,



Randy Lipsitz, Esq.

Reg. No. 29,189

Richard L. Moss, Esq.

Reg. No. 39,782

Attorneys for Applicants

KRAMER LEVIN NAFTALIS & FRANKEL LLP

919 Third Avenue

New York, New York 10022

(212) 715-9100

**CUSTOMER NO. 31013**

Please type a plus sign (+) inside this box →  +

APR 29 200

PTO/SB/08A (10-96)

Approved for use through 10/31/99. OMB 0651-0031\*

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

**Substitute for form 1449A/PTO**

## **INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**

*(use as many sheets as necessary)*

Sheet 1 of 1

**Complete if Known**

Application Number	10/733,124
Filing Date	December 11, 2003
First Named Inventor	Marc BODET
Group Art Unit	2832
Examiner Name	Not Yet Assigned
Attorney Docket Number	056982/00037

## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	
-----------------------	--	--------------------	--

**EXAMINER:** Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

<sup>1</sup> Unique citation designation number. <sup>2</sup> See attached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. <sup>3</sup> Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). <sup>4</sup> For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. <sup>5</sup> Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. <sup>6</sup> Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

**Burden Hour Statement:** This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.